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GRIDIRON PLAN IS TO MAKE HISTORY

Indications Point to Record Breaker From the Point of Intersectional Football.

ELEVEN WILL TRAVEL FAR

East, Middle Western and Pacific Coast Teams Have Already Arranged Games for Next Year.

New York, Dec. 11.—Indications point to 1916 as a record-breaker from the point of intersectional football. Although the gridiron armor has scarcely begun to gather dust since laid away at the close of the last season, the managers of the big college eleven are already in correspondence regarding feature contests for next autumn. Institutions with records above the average and prospects for strong combinations a year hence are looking for broader fields to conquer. As a result eastern and middle western teams as well as eleven from the Pacific coast and the Rocky mountain regions will match gridiron strength and skill during the football season of 1916.

So keen is the interest in these intersectional games that the rival universities can afford to offer unusually large sums for transportation purposes, thus removing one of the serious handicaps to such contests.

While the subject of these games has just been taken up at a number of the more important institutions, the possibilities in this direction include matches between Dartmouth and Illinois, Michigan Aggies and Washington and Jefferson, Harvard and some prominent colleges of the middle west, Nebraska and Cornell, Northwestern and Nebraska, Syracuse and some far western college in addition to usual meetings between Pennsylvania and Michigan, Syracuse and Michigan, Army and Notre Dame and similar fixtures.

The 1916 season also will be featured by a number of intersectional interscholastic games between the leading preparatory eleven of the east and middle west.

Chicago Pleased.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—Football in Chicago's high schools during the last season stood the test of faculty criticism, according to a report made yesterday by Chairman Crook of the faculty committee. Questionnaires were sent to 14 high schools interested in the game and seven were heard from. The report was made at the meeting of the athletic board of control at the board of education rooms yesterday.

According to the figures about 400 high school students took part in the game this fall. Of this number 15 received sprains, eight fractures, two dislocations and two infections. The two champion teams, Englewood in the heavyweight division and Senn in the lightweight, finished the season with only a few bruises, none being serious.

JOHNSON TO RETIRE AS TROTTERS' HEAD

New York, Dec. 11.—The National Trotting association, in its congress here next February, will consider a resolution curtailing the appointive powers of the president of the association. The resolution was adopted by the board of review in its concluding session. It has been announced that P. P. Johnston of Lexington, Ky., will not be a candidate for reelection as president of the association. He has been president for 28 years.

DENVER OR NOTHING FOR WHITE-WELSH GO

Denver, Dec. 11.—With no indications of Tia Juana or New Orleans bidding for the Welsh-White championship battle by next Thursday, it appeared more likely than ever yesterday that if the fight is staged it must be in Denver. It is now believed that Manager Harry Pollok will be forced to come to terms with the local syndicate which recently offered Welsh \$12,500 if Pollok really intends risking the Englishman's title against White's well known knockout ability.

WHITE TO MEET THE WINNER OF BIG GO

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 11.—Joe Mandot, New Orleans lightweight, will meet Richie Mitchell, Milwaukee, in a 10-round bout at the Auditorium here on Dec. 21, the winner to meet Charlie White for the American lightweight championship.

The winner will meet White in New Orleans the same week that Fulton stacks up against Willard, according to the plans of the American Boxing association. Mitchell and Mandot will weigh in at 133 at 3 o'clock on the day of the fight.

Mitchell left today for Cincinnati, where he meets Johnny Kilbane in a 10-round bout Monday.

Wolcast Still Yelping.

New York, Dec. 11.—Ad Wolcast is back in New York making loud noises about \$15,000 and Fred Welsh, but until the lightweight champion sees fit to give ear Ad will take on Leach Cross on Dec. 17 and Packer Hommey Dec. 23. Should Cross beat him, he and not Wolcast will meet Hommey.

All the news all the time—The Argus.

THE MAN WHO WROTE "CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME" PROBABLY HAD NO HOME—By Goldberg



CARDS ARE AFTER HEINE ZIMMERMAN

Manager Huggins Confident That He Could Handle Temperamental Star.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 11.—President Schuyler P. Britton of the St. Louis Cardinals, admitted yesterday he is after Zimmerman of the Chicago Cubs, but said he feared Brenahan would ask too much in return. He spoke the rumors that Brenahan had asked for Artie Butler and Cozy Dolan in return for Zimmerman and Jimmy Archer, saying he would snap up that kind of a trade in less than a minute.

"We have done absolutely nothing definite," he said. "We want another pitcher and an outfielder and believe we have prospects of landing both, although this is merely advance speculation."

"Brenahan has let it be known that he is willing to trade Zimmerman. Huggins is in favor of getting Heine if we can make the right sort of a deal. However, he will not weaken his pitching staff. Hug believes he can do more with him than other managers."

"I do believe that we will make at least two deals with other clubs. We will take an even break on the theory that a change of scenery is good for any player. That means we will pay a pretty good price for him if Roger insists on getting rid of the temperamental one. Huggins has five outfielders and at least one of them will be traded or sold. It's a certainty that we will make at least one swap, although for my life I could not tell you just now which one it will be."

COMMITTEE PEEVED AT TENNIS PLAYERS

New York, Dec. 11.—The ranking committee of the National Lawn Tennis association in its report to the parent body again emphasizes the unsatisfactory response to its request for data upon which to base its ranking of players. According to the committee, the replies received this year were less than the number turned in at the end of the 1914 season. Blanks were supplied, through every club holding membership in the association, to all players who competed in sanctioned tournaments during 1915.

It is estimated that more than 3,000 racquet wielders competed in 142 tournaments sanctioned by the U. S. N. L. T. A., yet but 86 singles and 42 doubles record blanks were returned to the committee. As a result a portion of the ranking had to be done upon unofficial and press reports of the play. Since but a small proportion of the tournament players evince any desire to supply the committee with the necessary data for ranking purposes, other methods for recording the progress of tennis competition will be adopted before the 1916 season begins.

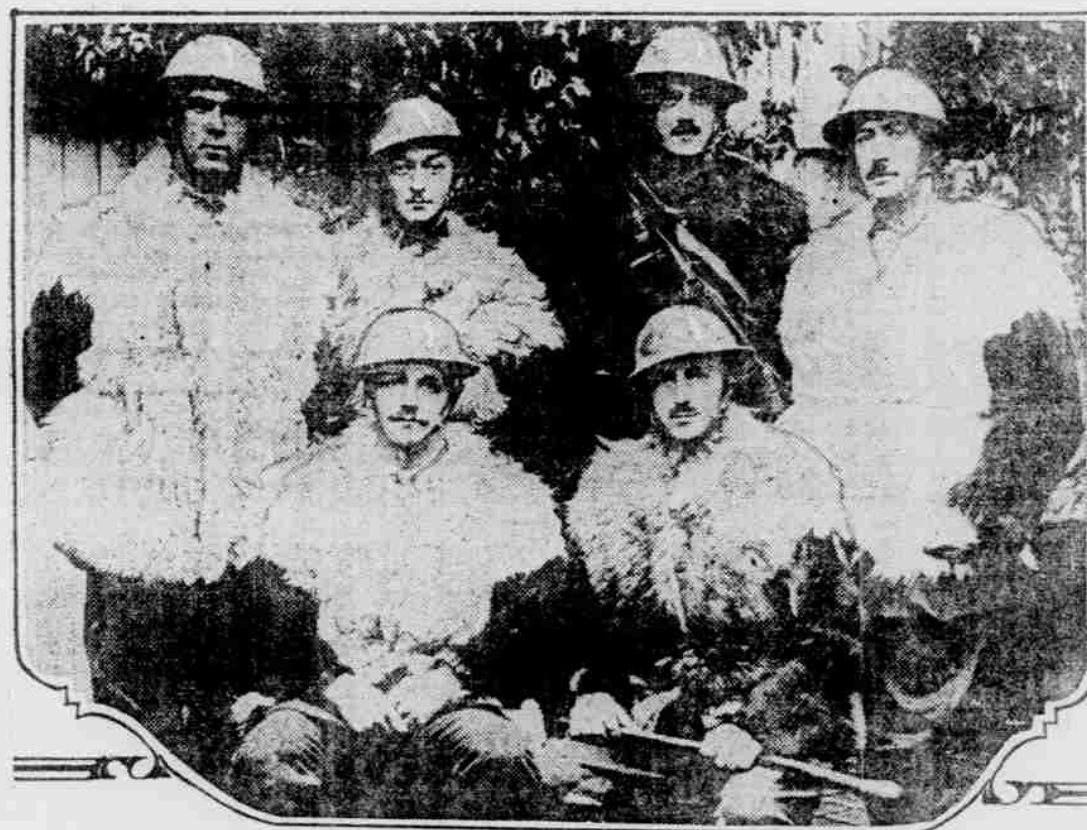
Gun Club Plans Shoot.

Sunday afternoon at the Watch Tower range the South Heights Gun club will hold a prize and trophy shoot. Marksmen from the tri-cities have been invited to participate and a large attendance is looked for. The club has an excellent club house at the grounds and shoots will be held every two weeks throughout the winter.

Robinson After Herzog.

New York, Dec. 11.—Wilber Robinson, the Brooklyn blitken, wants Charley "Chokesem" Herzog, for his own little sack three. If Herzog should lose out at Cincinnati, "Herzog is the type of player the Brooklyn fans would go dippy over," said Robby.

BRITISH ARMY IS WELL PROTECTED AGAINST WINTER FROSTS



The men and officers in the British trenches are well prepared for their two enemies, King Frost and the exploding German shells. The picture shows a group of British officers wearing their new steel helmets and their winter fur coats.

BOWLING AVERAGES CLUB TOURNAMENT

Here are the individual averages in the Rock Island club bowling tournament up to and including Dec. 3:

Name-Team.	Games.	Av.
A. W. Salzmann, Sox	3	184
L. O. Swanson, Tigers	12	168
A. D. Sperry, sub.	1	168
C. E. Johnson, Browns	18	167
J. B. Bassett, Pirates	18	166
R. W. Sharp, Tigers	12	164
N. B. Gosline, sub.	9	163
G. F. Naessell, Senators	9	158
W. H. Thoms, Senators	9	157
A. D. Welch, Browns	9	156
F. W. Young, sub.	2	156
A. J. Forbes, Cubs	12	155
S. R. Spencer, Sox	21	153
Leah, sub.	3	152
G. S. McKinney, Tigers	12	153
L. R. Sanford, Dodgers	3	152
C. E. Sharpe, Dodgers	12	152
Neal Mikosell, Browns	12	151
R. E. Marshall, Tigers	9	151
L. Harms, sub.	2	151
J. G. Hunsdon, Pirates	6	149
A. W. Dietrich, Senators	14	147
T. J. Murray, Sox	9	147
F. M. Klove, Dodgers	12	147
H. W. Ralston, Browns	12	146
Arno Tremann, sub.	3	145
G. R. Ainsworth, Sox	9	144
W. A. Barnard, Cubs	6	140
A. W. Welch, Giants	12	139
A. B. DuVon, sub.	6	139
Geo. H. Sheldon, Senators	6	139
Geo. A. Yeggy, Dodgers	6	137
M. D. Ettla, sub.	9	136
Geo. Schneider, Browns	15	135
A. Harms, Cubs	9	133
Frank Sala, sub.	3	131
F. E. Maucker, Giants	14	131
L. Klove, sub.	9	130
J. E. N. Olson, Pirates	9	128
G. F. Roth, Senators	2	128
H. E. Sangren, Sox	21	126
A. W. Rothwell, Tigers	12	124
Aug. E. Lamp, Browns	12	123
K. K. Kenderline, Pirates	9	120
H. E. Cox, Giants	9	118
Dr. F. H. First, Cubs	9	116
T. Y. Stelle, sub.	6	109

High Three Games.

Tigers	2362
Dodgers	2320
Senators	2295
Sox	2290
Browns	2285

INDIVIDUAL.

S. R. Spencer	578
J. B. Bassett	574
C. E. Johnson	564
L. O. Swanson	557
A. W. Salzmann	554
N. B. Gosline	532

High One Game.

L. O. Swanson	224
N. B. Gosline	216
J. B. Bassett	212
C. E. Sharpe	208
W. H. Thoms	202

Gardner Signs a Contract.

Boston, Dec. 11.—Harry Gardner, third baseman of the world's cham-

pion Boston Americans, sent his signed contract to President Lannin yesterday. It calls for a salary similar to that which he received last year.

Gilman Harvard Captain.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 11.—Joseph A. Gilman of Honolulu, selected for all-American tackle and roommate and chum of all-American Eddie Mahan, was yesterday chosen captain of the Harvard football team for 1916.

A mutilated statue of Eros, discovered by French troops in the course of trench digging exercises on the island of Lemnos, may prove to be a find of great archeological importance. The statue was uncovered on the site of the ancient town of Haepeestia, which once boasted 50,000 inhabitants, and the condition of the statue is said to give conclusive evidence that the city was destroyed by a terrible earthquake and not by an invader, as had heretofore been thought likely.

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SOX WALK OUT OF CELLAR POSITION

Browns Shoot to Top in American League at Rock Island by Beating the Tigers.

American Standing.	W.	L.	Pct.
Browns	19	5	.667
Tigers	17	8	.500
Sox	6	9	.400
Senators	5	10	.333

Art Salzmann's presence was again noticeable last night when the Sox, former cellar chumps of the American Bowling league of the Rock Island club, walloped the ambitious Senators in three straight games. As a result of the trimming the Senators dropped into last place. The Browns took the lead by beating their rivals, the Tigers, in two out of three games. Johnson was high with 502. The scores:

SOX.

Spencer	138	188	144
Sangren	119	191	139
Murray	174	171	165
Ralston	151	168	148
Salzmann	177	186	176
Total	759	894	772

SENATORS.

Anderson	122	141	138
Roth	153	114	125
Diedrich	146	136	145
Sheldon	144	131	178
Thoms	140	145	157
Total	707	667	743

BROWNS.

Johnson	219	193	180
Welch	134	157	143
Mikesell	150	158	116
Schneider	144	152	159
Lamp	121	127	119
Total	798	787	717

TIGERS.

Stelle	129	119	119
Marshall	152	154	138
McKinney	154	142	137
R. W. Sharp	178	123	186
Swanson	139	150	173
Total	752	698	747

All the news all the time—The Argus.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

From The Argus Files of 1890

Dec. 5.—The ladies of the First Baptist church gave an entertainment last night at the Armory hall.

W. H. Pettit was named secretary at the annual meeting of Trio lodge, No. 67, A. F. & A. M., held last night.

Superintendent Fleming of the Rock Island bridge today received an order to close the draw for the season.

Dec. 6.—The ferry Spencer was stuck on a sand bar just off the Illinois shore for over 10 hours today. The mishap was attributed to a remarkable fall of the water, the stage being two feet and six inches lower than on Wednesday.

A horse car on the Third street line in Davenport overturned yesterday afternoon while the horses became frightened at a passing locomotive and ran from the track. Two passengers in the car escaped serious injuries.

Boys are enjoying skating on the slough for the first time this year today. At Clinton the main stream is gorged with ice.

Dec. 3.—George Marshall, 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Marshall, Fourth avenue and Thirteenth street, was killed while hunting yesterday.

BAN WORKING TO BRACE BALL CLUB

American Mogul Promises Some Big Surprises in Near Future and Big Shakeup Coming.

TO MAKE INDIANS CONTENTERS

Somers Sinks Fortune in Sport in 15 Years—Johnson Says Price of Club Too High.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—Cleveland will be a considerable factor in American league baseball next season, Ban Johnson spilled this information upon his return yesterday from the Forest City, where he sat in two days with the bankers' committee in charge of Charlie Somers' baseball holdings. A new manager, whose identity will astonish the fan populace, when the announcement is made, and a rattling crew of pastimers, will go to the post in April, according to the boss of the junior circuit.

Mr. Johnson would not spring the details of the future status of the Indians. His expressed satisfaction, however, over the negotiations carried on with the bankers, and ventured the opinion that every little wrinkle would be ironed out before the annual session scheduled for the Congress hotel next Wednesday.

Somers Sinks Fortune.

Somers, during his 15 years' experience as a baseball mogul invested immense sums of money in the game. According to Johnson the Cleveland plant alone represents an outlay of \$403,000, while \$150,000 was sunk in Swayne, Toledo, long since discarded by the American association. Still another chunk, approximately \$90,000, was expended in the New Orleans plant and about \$13,000 additional went to back the Waterbury, Conn., club.

That the final disposition of the Indians and the future of one J. Franklin Baker would be the chief topics for discussion at the annual league meeting was a tip advanced by Ban. He took a running jump at the story emanating from New York that Baker had been signed by the White Sox, but hinted that the home run king would again appear in the spangles of the American league, though with just which club was not divulged in the tip-off.

Price Too High.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 11.—Negotiations for the sale of the Cleveland American baseball club to Clevelanders have failed. It is believed Ban Johnson will endeavor to interest outside capital in taking the team from C. W. Somers.

Ben F. Johnson, who dickered with Johnson and the bankers, declared yesterday he would not buy the club. He intimated the price demanded is too high. He also said he could not spare the time to look after the club's interests.

All the other Cleveland capitalists mentioned as possible purchasers also declared yesterday they had decided not to invest. Just how high a price the committee puts on the club cannot be learned, but it is believed to be over the \$500,000 mark.

HOME RUN BAKER TO JOIN YANKEE CLUB?

Philadelphia, Dec. 11.—"I have not seen nor talked with any representative of the Chicago White Sox," declared J. Franklin Baker when asked over the telephone if it was true that he had accepted terms with Comaker. "Just say for me," Baker continued, "that I expect to play ball in the American league again and in all probability it will be with the Yankees, as I am now considering an offer made by Donovan."

"I don't know where anybody got the idea that I was going to play in Chicago. I have not even heard a word in connection with a trade of that sort. Somebody has had a pipe dream."

When Connie Mack was asked about the reported deal whereby Baker would play in Chicago he said: "What? Baker sold again? It's all news to me."

Dec. 9.—Exra Wilcher was elected post commander at the annual meeting of John Buford post, 243, G. A. R., held last night. W. J. Norris was named senior vice commander and Curtis B. Knox was selected as delegate to the state encampment.

Dec. 10.—The house of representatives yesterday passed a bill providing for the erection of a \$75,000 building in Rock Island for the accommodation of the postoffice, revenue, United States engineers and other offices.

The Taylor Ridge school house, in Bowling township, burned to the ground yesterday. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Prof. S. T. Bowly and his pupils gave a concert at the First Presbyterian church in Davenport last evening.

Dec. 11.—A number of sites have been recommended for the new government building in Rock Island, among them being the Warren lots at Sixteenth street and Second avenue.